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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
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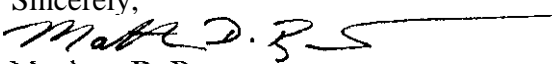
*Re:* Appropriate Regulatory Treatment for Broadband Access  
to the Internet Over Cable Facilities, CS Docket No. 02-52;  
Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over  
Wireline Facilities, CC Docket No. 02-33

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 25, 2002, Paul Schroeder, Sylvia Rosenthal and I,  
representatives of the Alliance for Public Technology (APT), met with:  
Tom Chandler, Cheryl King, Gregory Hlibok, Amelia Brown and Susan  
Magnotti of the Disability Rights Office.

In this conversation, APT addressed its concerns about accessibility in  
broadband services for people with disabilities, citing information from  
APT's filings in the above-captioned dockets. APT discussed the  
potential loss of accessibility rules if broadband is classified as an  
information service. The accessibility rules crafted in the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 should be maintained in the broadband  
world, and we urged the Disability Rights Office to examine options for  
including accessibility provisions in the new broadband rules being  
considered in these proceedings.

In accordance with FCC rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in the  
above captioned docket.

Sincerely,  
  
Matthew D. Bennett  
Policy Director

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